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Sydney claims Taylor

By JIM COOK

Barry Taylor, 24, star Melbourne centre half, has left Victoria.

He has gone to live with his wife and small daughter in Sydney.

This is a crushing blow to Victorian Soccer and to the Melbourne-Hungaria club.

His move had nothing to do with the game it was purely personal.

Some close relatives of the family arrived in Sydney from England to settle and the Taylors decided to go to New South Wales and join them.

Tall and commanding, Taylor is one of the best centre halves in the business in Australia and last season he played a leading part in Melbourne's success which took them to fourth place in the league as well as making the Australia Cup semi-finals for the first time.

In the recent Ampol Cup night series, Taylor again proved his worth in his side reaching the final.

He arrived in Melbourne late 1965 and signed for Melbourne. He was loaned out to Sandringham before being recalled for the Melbourne first team.

Most fans reckon he's English, but in fact, he's a Welshman from Cardiff and was on the books of Cardiff City as a 15-year-old for two seasons before moving to London where he played regularly with well-known amateur team, Hendon and Finchley.

In Melbourne he has worked as a clerk with the Australian Stevedore Company and at 24 he has a bright Soccer future

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CLOSE CALL *And it certainly was! Epifano, the brilliant young Juventus forward, is buried under the boots of a Hellas defender at Olympic Park, on Sunday. Our photographer, Uwe Kuessner, was there to capture the action.*

BACK CAT LEAPS *Willem Schroif, Slavia's "Black Cat" goalie, makes his State League debut at Olympic Park on Saturday with this fine save from a Croatia forward. Slavia lost 1-4.*

SAVED! *Nearly 10,000 Soccer fans saw Heinz Wenzel, South Melbourne Hellas goalie, push the ball out of danger at Olympic Park on Sunday. Heinz was one of the busiest players on the ground. Juventus held Hellas to a goal-less draw.*

State selection is ludricrous

By FRED VILLIERS

Last week Victoria lost its coach who was preparing the State team for the clash with Manchester United next June.

Jim Adam, the 35-year-old former Aston Villa and Stoke City forward, resigned because he didn't see eye to eye with manager Lou de Bono.

It had to come.

The two were squabbling almost from the day Adam was appointed.

Coach Adam wanted a say in the selection of the team, de Bono wouldn't allow it.

He was the boss, and he alone would choose the side for this vital clash with the English champions.

Adam told me last week that in his opinion this is wrong.

Everywhere in the world except Australia the coach is the manager of the team who also picks the side.

Here it is different.

"It seems in Australia they only want a coach as a trainer", he said.

"I found it impossible to work with Mr. de Bono, that's why I've quit.

"I believe it's very important that the players of Victoria have a manager who understands Soccer, and a coach who is conversant with all the modern techniques and tactics of the game as it's played to-day", he told me.

And so the row which had been brewing for weeks came to a head.

What next?

Can we afford to have these unnecessary interruptions to a vital training program with one of the world's top teams only a few weeks away from our shores?

Like most Soccer fans, I'm beginning to wonder whether Mr. de Bono is capable of preparing a team in time to represent this State.

Can he do it with all his other official jobs in the sport?

Can he devote the time required to this important work?

And at the same time can he build his own club, George Cross, which needs all the attention he can spare since it sank to an all-time low last season?

Can Victoria's sole selector preside over the Metropolitan disciplinary committee, act as Country representative on the V.S.F. Board of Management, run a State League club and devote the necessary time to the all-important job of selecting a State team?

I say no.

There cannot be a man anywhere in the world who could be expected to do so much — and make a success of it.

The Federation should think again, and quickly.

This criticism is sure to upset Mr. de Bono as well as other officials but we are living in a free country which allows freedom of speech and opinion, where they allow Royalty and the Prime Minister to be criticised.

My comments on the way we prepare State representative teams have been offered to improve the set-up. My criticism is intended to be constructive. I would not have bothered to write this if I did not have the interest of the game at heart. — Fred Villiers.

LOU DE BONO, Victorian State selector . . . Is he the right man for the job?

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Give the coach a free hand

Says GEORGE YELLAND

It's imperative that the Victorian Federation look carefully and objectively at the preparation of our State squad before it is too late.

This is no personal attack on anyone, it is an attack on a system which is wrong in concept, and can only lead to disaster in performance.

It seems strange that the V.S.F., which has put so much thoughtful and constructive planning into the game's administration, in the last 12 months particularly, should be content to leave this most important aspect of it in the hands of a man without coaching qualifications.

Lou Debono is a hard-working, Soccer-loving man, who has given much to the promotion of the game in Victoria.

He has selected teams in the past which have given reasonable accounts of themselves, and we respect him for it.

The fact remains, however, that he's not a qualified coach and the teams have performed, purely on individual ability.

There is no doubt that many people, familiar with the playing personnel in Victoria could pick a team which would give a "reasonable" account of themselves.

This is not good enough.

We have travelled further along the road to International status and we must have a new approach.

FREE HAND

A fully qualified coach, with a completely free hand in personnel and eventual team selection, is a MUST.

Players would be selected to do a job in the overall plan of campaign, designed and perfected by the coach, and let's face it, a well planned game is the only hope we have of giving the huge crowd, who'll be present, something to cheer about.

In men like Jim Adam, Vic Janczyk, Peter Aldis, Manny Poulakakis and others, we have the talent and football know how to produce a side of which we can be proud.

A side which will be practiced in modern Soccer techniques, but this can only be achieved if the selected coach has a free hand.

By all means have a business manager, but make certain that his terms of reference do not in any way interfere with the preparation of the team.

In top Soccer countries, this is the plan of approach to top games and surely, what's good enough for teams who performed in the finals of the last World Cup, is worthy of adoption in Victoria.

They should do like other class team. Advertise for one.

Whoever heard of an official being told to prepare a team in the manner we do in Victoria?

It's ludicrous.

Australian Soccer is growing fast and it's time we grew with it.

Some of our methods are outdated and need looking into.

Surely the selection and training of representative teams is one of them.

I'm forecasting the Australian body will have the same trouble with the selection of a national team to play Scotland.

Again the coach must be given the opportunity to have his say in selection, after all, he's the man who has come up through the ranks of Soccer on the field of play — many of the game's officials have never kicked a ball!

Unless we think seriously and intelligently about the job in front of us, we'll never produce a team of any real substance and we'll certainly never be a world power.

One good coach has failed to make a go of it in Victoria.

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A deal in which Laraman would have been transferred to Pan Hellenic in time for last weekend's opening of the premiership fell through only because the former Slavia player demanded a signing on fee of $1000.

He had received a signing on fee of $600 from Hakoah.

Pan Hellenic had come to a satisfactory arrangement with Hakoah over a transfer fee, and was prepared to pay Laraman considerably more money than he is being paid under his contract with Hakoah.

The transfer fee was a lot less than the $2800 which Hakoah paid for him.

Laraman has proved a big disappointment since coming from Melbourne.

There can be no doubting that he has a shot like the kick of a mule, but he has so far found it impossible to strike up a blend with other Hakoah forwards.

He has been clumsy and lacking any sort of confidence. — **Martin Aston.**

NEW SKIPPER

Tommy Randles, half back, is Slavia's new captain.

He replaces Nigel Shepherd as skipper.

Nigel is expected to transfer to a Sydney club soon.

POLONIA v. SLAVIA

With more experience in their side and the pick of their youth reaching maturity, Polonia should be well prepared, better in fact than they have been for years.

Slavia are always slow starters and obviously tired from their night Soccer success. Despite severe criticism of Willem Schroif, he is unlikely to repeat his "two goal" mistake again.

MY TIP: A draw.

CROATIA v. HAKOAH

Off to a flying start breeds plenty of confidence to a Croatia side which can be both devastating and tantalising. Devastating especially when their all-action attack clicks and tantalising when their defence blunders into elementary errors.

Croatia will have to produce their best here as Hakoah are a well balanced and powerful side. And in the field of experience the Middle Park team are way out in front.

MY TIP: Croatia to win.

MELBOURNE v. GEORGE CROSS

A big "if" here. If Barry Taylor is absent from the Melbourne line-up the George Cross prospects will improve. For although Alistair Scott can fill the pivot's place with distinction, it will mean a re-shuffled defence.

George Cross with Falconer Ireland and Reuben Evans out through injury are under strength and suffering through regulars playing well below top form.

MY TIP: Melbourne to win.

LIONS v. JUVENTUS

Playing above themselves against George Cross it remains to be seen if Lions can repeat this against Juventus. They have an abundance of team spirit and a steadying influence in captain-coach Peter Aldis, as well as two ace forwards in Steve Walker and Tom Roseweir.

Juventus are on the way back with the re-introduction of several regulars and if they can improve their futile finishing they may leave an indelible im-

Sunday, April 2

LIONS v. JUVENTUS (Olympic Park), Lamb, Riches, Bartolo.
HELLAS v. ALEXANDER (Middle Park), Contini, Greenwood, Lazarich.
PRESTON v. FOOTSCRAY-J.U.S.T. (Collier Res., Preston), Maitland, Bakens, Thorn.

FIRST DIVISION

Saturday, April 1

RINGWOOD CITY v. SUNSHINE CITY, Collington, Lirosi, Koren.
BOX HILL v. ST. ALBANS, Mellings, Walker, Morel.
MARIBYRNONG v. DANDENONG CITY, Stafrace, Chetcuti, Ranieri.
COBURG UNITED v. ELWOOD (Verniers, Caruso, Light.
SANDRINGHAM v. MORELAND, DeLange, Keeler, Molloy.
SPRINGVALE v. BRUNSWICK, Randall, Browne, Venios.

SECOND DIVISION

PARK RANGERS v. UNIVERSITY OF MELB., Lucas.
ALBION ROVERS v. PRAHRAN, DelColle
FERNTREE GULLY v. BIGHTON, Harrison.
BAYSWATER v. GREEN GULLY, Finnegan.
RICHMOND v. FRANKSTON, Wootten.
RINGWOOD UNITED v. ALTONA, Dixon.

THIRD DIVISION

KEILOR CITY v. WAVERLEY, Tolnai.
CROYDON v. MOORABBIN, Tuffield.
HEIDELBERG v. GLENROY UNITED, Mills.
FLINDERS N.D. v. CHELSEA, Momont.
ST. KILDA v. PRINCES PARK, Weeks.
SOUTH YARRA v. ESSENDON, Francis.

FOURTH DIVISION

MOOROOLBARK v. YALLOURN, Muench.
DEER PARK I.C.I. v. NEWPORT, Mather.
MONASH UNIVERSITY v. LILYDALE, Tisay.
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ROSEBUD v. DONCASTER ROVERS, Such.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday, April 2

DIVISION A

UNIV. GRADS. v. WESTALL VW, Zoumas.
CLARINDA v. LANGWARRIN A., Walker.
C.Y.M.S. GLENROY v. CROYDON, Licht.
FISHERMANS BEND v. CHADSTONE, Liaosi.

DIVISION B

CARLTON v. FITZROY, Caruso.
YARRAVILLE v. PARKVILLE, Venios.
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METROPOLITAN ROUND-UP

by Martyn

FRIDAY GAM WILL CONTINUE

Experiment of Friday night Soccer in Melbourne this year was not a failure.

RESULTS

4th DIVISION

Yallourn 9, Deer Park I.C.I. 0 (w.o.); Doncaster Rovers 2, Mooroolbark 6 (4-8); Newport 0, Monash Uni. 3 (10-3); Lilydale 2, East Melb. 16 (w.o.); Clayton 1, North Carlton 4 (3-3); Mornington 5, Rosebud 1 (0-0).

DOCKERTY CUP
First Round

St. Albans 2, Yallourn 1; Springvale 2, Maribyrnong 4; Box Hill 5, Clayton 0; Green Gully 0, Sandringham 6; Park Rangers 2, Sunshine City 3; Ferntree Gully 4, Monash University 1; Ringwood City 7, Albion Rovers 2; Elwood 2, Brunswick 1; Prahran 1, Dandenong City 8; Glenroy United 0, Frankston 3.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP

Elwood 1, Nth. Carlton 1; Dandenong City 5, Waverley 0; Springvale 7, Yalburn 2; Hakoah 4, Bayswater 1; Lions 1, Croatia ; Pt. Melb. Slavia, Bye; Altona 1, Ringwood City 3; Sunshine City 3, Brighton ; Frankston 3, St. Albans ; Prahran 3, Box Hill 5; Green Gully 0, George Cross ; Clayton 0, Juventus 14; Ferntree Gully 0, Moreland 0.

STEPHEN KALUS COMMENTS

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Epifano, the young Juventus forward, races on to the ball at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Dini Di Marchi, another young Juventus forward, heads the ball down to his feet before booting it goalwards.

John Bell, Juventus inside forward, prepares to drive the ball with a slashing left-foot shot at the Park against Hellas on Sunday.

THE JIM COOK PAGE

Black Cat's record

ONE NAME which should soon become a household word in Victorian Soccer is that of Willem Schroif, alias the "Black Cat" and the former Slovan Bratislava keeper, who has joined Slavia.

His daring and fantastic goalkeeping exploits in Europe with the Czecho-slovakian club side as well as the national team, have been echoed all over the Continent.

And what an amazing record Willem has at both club and international level in Czecho-slovakia.

For in his 12 years in the Big Time with only one club, Slovan Bratislava, he also played non-stop for the Czech national side and in all represented his country 42 times. He last played for the Czech national team in 1965 in the qualifying rounds of the last World Cup.

Although he's now 36, Schroif should be included in the State side and considered for the Manchester United games.

MIDDLE PARK RIDDLE

Fans have asked why the condition of Middle Park is much better compared with the previous year. The answer is simple.

The criss-cross 'roads" which are evident on some parts of the playing pitch are the result of new plastic drain-pipes having been installed. The lack of rain has to some extent slowed the progress of the growth of the grass on the drain patches.

Senator Pat Kennelley and Hakoah secretary-manager, Kurt Defris, have been seen this close-season dragging out the sprinklers themselves to try and nurse the bare patches. The cost of the new plastic pipes and installation was about $3,000.

TOUGH ON HERD

After having played a leading part in Manchester United's bid for the league title, crackshot centre forward, David Herd, who had scored 18 goals this season, saw his Australian tour hopes blown sky high when he recently broke his leg against Leicester City.

Son of a former Hamilton, Manchester City and Stockport County inside forward, Alex Herd, he played alongside his father with Stockport on turning professional in 1951. Transferred to Arsenal for £8,000 in 1954, he moved to Manchester United in 1961 for £35,000 and won a Cup medal with them in 1963.

A six footer, he has also represented Scotland five times from 1959 to 1961.

LOOK FOR MICK

Who will be the outstanding former junior in State League Soccer this season? A little early to say at this stage although in the night competition the image of both Ottie Abonyi and Billy Vojtek was slightly dimmed.

One player on the up-and-up and who could reach peak form this sason as he's nearing maturity, is 20-year-old Mick Olinowski of Polonia, who will have the advantage of the two experienced new players, George Swoboda and Bernard Przybylski, alongside him.

Depends, of course, where Mick is played. In my book his most impressive showings have been at left half for his side.

Bobby McLachlan, Croatia full back, is all smiles as he watches his team beat Slavia 4-1 on Saturday. Bobby is on the sidelines for the second time in nine months after having broken his left leg twice.

It's been in plaster for eight weeks but he hopes to have the plaster off soon. Bobby hasn't lost any confidence. When asked about his Soccer future he said: "I should be fully fit to play with Croatia in the next Australia Cup final".

SKIPPER WEDS

John Greig, Glasgow Rangers and Scotland full back, who is captain of both his club and Scotland's national team, was married last week in Edinburgh, to 22-year-old Janette Graham.

The 24-year-old Greig, who will lead the Scottish side on their world tour which includes three international matches in Australia, had originally set his wedding for March 20. But as this was the night before Rangers' second leg match with Real Zagrossa in the European Cup Winners' Cup, he postponed his wedding for a week.

Best man at Greig's wedding was Jimmy Millar, a long serving wing half or inside forward as well as a Scottish international and a Rangers' colleague.

NOW A "GIFT MAN"

Former Moreland forward, Harry Richmond, who has been with Croatia the past three seasons and played some part in their promotion back to the State League, hasn't made a first team appearance for a long time. And his future prospects with Croatia as a first team player look grim.

Still, Harry hasn't been standing idle and kicking his feet on the touchline. In fact in the past couple of months he has been using his feet and legs much more than he ever did at Soccer. For he's been a competitor at many of the foot-running gift meetings all round Victoria. At Dandenong, he ran in the same heat as the "Flying Scot", Ricky Dunbar, while he also ran at the Bendigo 2000 and in the Stawell Gift.

Still in his early twenties, Richmond is keen to return to State League Soccer and I believe his club would allow him to move for a reasonable fee.

REVOLT IN ENGLAND ?

Look out for explosives at the annual meeting of the English League in June.

Stoke City, backed by Burnley and supported by many of the big clubs in England, are challenging the authority which the F.A. have over players of league clubs. Stoke propose that all disciplinary matters which affect league club players should be taken out of the hands of the F.A. and dealt with by the League themselves.

Both Stoke and Burnley also propose that the system of booking players be abolished on the grounds it is out of date and only leads to inconsistencies.

The proposals, if adopted, could have sensational repercussions.

WELL PLAYED

The 1967 Ampol Cup Series was remarkable in many ways. Not a single player was ordered off and there was no serious injury to anyone. A change from 1966 when both Ian Currie (Croatia) and John Bell (Juventus) both sustained broken legs.

Ian Reid, centre forward of the Cup-winning side Slavia, topped the individual scoring list with seven goals to his credit while the beaten finalists, Melbourne, gained more consolation by being the least unchanged side of the series.

Biggest win of the competition went to Melbourne when they beat Slavia in the qualifying stages, 4-0.

NAUGHTY BOY FINED

Jean Plaskie, centre half of top Belgium club, Anderlecht, was recently fined £70 by his team manager for failing to carry out instructions of the club coach in their recent European Cup match with Dukla.

Apparently Plaskie doesn't speak to any of the team-mates and in consequence won't co-operate with the moves on the field.

Incidentally, Dukla are in the semi-final of the European Cup with Inter-Milan, Sofia and Celtic.

MEMORIES AND REGRETS

Tony Gregal, the Melbourne wing half who recently celebrated his 100th game with the club, received a memento to mark the occasion.

Tony's thoughts must turn back to his first senior club St. Mirren now struggling second bottom of the Scottish first division. And especially back to the 1958-59 season when they won the Scottish Cup and although he wasn't a member of the cup-winning side, he was at the time in the pool of first team players. Later Tony moved to Montrose where he played alongside Charlie McCorquodale, now with Slavia.

GOW WITH TRIESTINA

After less than a season with Hakoah in which he only played a few first team games, inside forward, Ian Gow, has been transferred back to Triestina.

Hakoah, I believe, dropped a considerable sum on the return deal and Triestina are more than satsified with the deal they got from the Middle Park club. Gow, a Londoner who played with Watford Juniors, originally joined Triestina from Ballarat.

GREATEST IN EUROPE ?

Portugal's World Cup goalkeeper, Joaquim Carvalho, reckons that Vasas Budapest are the greatest club side in Europe.

However, Joaquim may be slightly biased in favour of Vasas who shot five goals past him and beat his side in the European Cup match at the Nep Stadium, in Budapest, late last year.

Still, there can be little doubt that Hungary's great win over Brazil in the 1966 World Cup has sparked off a Soccer revolution in the country that was once rated the greatest in the world.

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JOHN GREIG

STATE LEAGUE TEAMS

MAKEDONIA: Mc[illegible]rson, Petreveski, Jo[illegible]fonski, Ormerod, Ca[illegible] Trevevski, Oxton, Gh[illegible]danov, Datesevski, Bunby, Slishkovic, Howlett, Popomilkov, Valkanov, Guevski, [illegible], Andonovski, Kochovskis, [illegible]

LIONS: Carmichael, Houston, Reilly, Murney, Aldis, Hamilton, Sellheim, Scwarz, Rosewetr, Wal'er, Beinroth.

HELLAS: Wenzel, Litopolous, Simantiris, Kelly, Mantrakes, Margarites, Pygrolis, Kamboropolous, Kokinos, Anderson, Ackerley, Damanaikos, Barbalias.

SLAVIA: Schroif, Barotajs, Shepherd, Prior, High, Randles, Cook, Jones, Lockton, Jurecki, Reid, McCorquodale, Savage, Rainey.

HAKOAH: O'Hara, Walker, Keith, John O'Neill, Baker, Murney, Van Alphen, Stenhouse, Jim O'Neill, Fry, Armstrong, Monan, Conley, Smith, Rogers, Purdie.

MELBOURNE: Surma, Fowler, McGowan, Scott, Taylor, Gregal, Shanks, Kurta, Dezsofi, Abonyi, Stoffels, Sampson, Connelly, Myers.

CROATIA: Young, D. McKay, Both, Friganovic, Gunn, Rau, Becsi, Jim McKay, McIntyre, Adlam, Vojtek, Currie, McMeechan, Kemp.

FOOTSCRAY - J.U.S.T.: Fode, Mratinovic, Rusmir, Micic, Rice, Handricks, Cirkovic, Van der Poel, Kazi, Gakovic, Mladenovic, Morgan, Hughes, King, Stankovic.

JUVENTUS: Voigt, Gentry, Sonsini, Milton, Della Rocca, Scott, Luckhurst, Closs, Barbazza, Millar, Norman, Bell, Torcque, Epifano.

POLONIA: Majerczak, Knot, Cierpicz, Marmur, Janczyk, Gross, Adamczyk, Swoboda, Kowalec, Gajda, Przybylski, Olinowski, Siwka, Urbaniak, Katolik, Plaskota.

GEORGE CROSS, Grocz, Azzopardi, Ireland, Ferguson, Copeland, Hodgson, McPherson, Campbell, Johnstone, Armour, Evans, Hill, Casser, Sacco.

ALEXANDER: Service, T. Xantopolous, Glennie, K. Xantopolous, Kourkalakos, Papaladovakos, Sharp, Papakostantiov, Kriaris, Backovic, McIvor, Economides, Mangopolous, Racovalis, Gallaher.

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Athena shock

Athena provided the shock result of the opening round of First Division with their 2-1 defeat of Ringwood City Wilhelmina.

Ringwood paid the price of over-confidence while Athena with a tenacious display, must take full credit for their victory.

A few weeks ago I forecast that Ringwood would win the First Division Championship, but would suffer some early set-backs while settling into the Metro. tempo.

Well, the first set-back has arrived, but I still reckon they'll take out the flag.

It looked as though City would walk home when after only five minutes, Keuhen headed in from a Steele centre.

Ringwood continued to press but missed many chances and they came up against a stumbling block in Harry Xypolitis at left-half.

Before the interval, Con Cosmopoulos took advantage of a mix-up in the Ringwood defence between Van Egmond and Sandy Wilson, to equalise.

Athena, with their tenacious play, unsettled Ringwood in the second half and under pressure many of their stars fell away.

With only minutes remaining, Nick Karageorgopoulos, with the aid of a pass from Mike Glikokalamos, scored the winner.

Other clubs are no doubt pleased with this result, but I feel it will have the reverse effect, as City have learnt their lesson early. So beware future opponents, Ringwood will be no push-over.

St. Albans, last year's runner-up, overcame their first hurdle when they beat Maribyrnong-Triestina 1-0, at Churchill Reserve.

Saints had most of the play but the tough-tackling Triestina defence thwarted many of their attempts. The only goal came from a penalty converted by Levente David.

Saints pressed for more goals but Peter Bluhm was off target on two occasions.

In their debut in top company, Springvale posted a good 3-2 win over Moreland.

It was an exciting see-saw battle, with Moreland holding the upper-hand score-wise for most of the day, leading 1-0, then 2-1.

But with 10 minutes to go and the scores level, Vale hit the winner. Vales goals came from Paul Rubens (2) and John Beasley.

After only one year in the second Division, Sunshine City returned last Saturday to hold Box Hill to a 1-1 draw, at Sunshine.

City held a one goal lead at half-time before Peter Keys equalised for the Hillmen from close range.

In a game where no quarter was asked or given old rivals Dandenong and Coburg fought a 1-1 draw at the Showgrounds, Dandenong.

Sixteen-year-old Bogdin Roszak, playing in his first game for Dandy first team, gave his side the lead.

Bobby Malcolm levelled the scores with only five minutes to go.

For Coburg Sammy Crookes was his usual competent self in goal and Franky Laughran made many creative openings.

SELECTIONS and likely winners:

1st DIVISION — Ringwood City, St. Albans, Maribyrnong, Coburg v. Austria (draw), Moreland, Athena.
2nd DIVISION — Park Rangers, Albion Rovers v. Prahran (draw), Ferntree Gully, Bayswater, Frankston, Ringwood United.
3rd DIVISION — Keilor City, Croydon, Glenroy United, Chelsea, St. Kilda v. Hercules (draw), Essendon.
4th DIVISION — Yallourn, Newport, Lilydale, Helvetic, Nth. Carlton, Rosebud.

JIM COOK'S COMMENT

MARRIED LIFE SUITS HIM

Had a chat recently with former George Cross inside forward, Harry Montague, when he was down here with Melita Eagles.

Harry has been in Sydney with the Maltese side for the past four years and enjoying every minute of it. Still a fast talker, he has however quietened down a lot from his Melbourne days, and the reason wasn't hard to find. Harry recently married to a New Zealand girl and reckons it's the best move he ever made.

Also looking in the pink, but a bit heftier than in his Melbourne days, was former George Cross and Victorian full back, Fred Falzon, the only player to win the Argus Medal twice — two years running, in fact.

Fred moved from Prague to Melita Eagles late in 1966.

JOCK MEETS V.I.P.'s

From second division Metropolitan side, Park Rangers, of which he has been leading official for many years to Tottenham Hotspur, has been the fortune of Jock Stephen, who left Melbourne soon after Christmas for a visit to his native Edinburgh.

Stopping en route in London, he was the guest of the Spurs directors in the match against Fulham, was given the V.I.P. treatment at both half-time and full time, introduced to Sir Alf Ramsey the English national team boss, and also to the chairman of the Finland Soccer Association.

Jock tells me in a letter, the grandfather of one of the Spurs' directors was born in Geelong and migrated to Tottenham almost 60 years ago. In addition to taking in many club matches, Jock will be present at both the English and Scottish F.A. Cup Finals.

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METROPOLITAN ROUND-UP

by Martyn Harris

SECOND DIVISION

Frankston opened their campaign against the seasoned Ringwood United and were just about satisfied with the 1-1 draw before a crowd of 250.

The Sea-siders played well in patches but it was apparent that a few of the side were not fit. This often the case at the start of a season.

Hank Brouker, former Sandringham player, scored Frankston's goal but poor finishing prevented further score.

Pick of the Frankston boys were left-half Tony Hall, inside-left Gerry Pask, inside-right Kurt Schroeder, whilst Trevor Parry was a trier all day.

Prahran made a great start by defeating Ferntree Gully 3-2 at Como Park.

Gully might have played the better Soccer but it's goals that count, and Prahran got them.

It was Gully who took the lead but Brian Donnelly levelled for Prahran.

The scores remained the same until 15 minutes from time when Gully again took the lead.

Brian Donnelly again equalised before Barry Poynter, with only four minutes remaining, hit the winner.

THIRD DIVISION

The two newly-promoted clubs, Chelsea and St. Kilda, fought out a hard tussle with Chelsea running out victors 2-1.

R. Dale gave Chelsea an interval lead which was increased by Derek McMinn from a pass by J. Logan.

St. Kilda reduced arrears from a penalty given away by M. Miccolli but Chelsea held out to win a fine game.

Chelsea Reserves won 4-0 with goals from B. Boros, R. Cranch, P. Hollis, H. Chalititis.

CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

Frankston Council are taking an interest in the local club. At the Council's request the club have agreed to play in the City's colours of royal blue with gold trim. They are now playing on their new ground and the dressingrooms are three-quarters complete.

Did you notice Coburg were not in this year's Dockerty Cup draw? This is the first time in the club's 50 year history that they've not been in a tournament run by either the Association or the Federation.

But there's a reason. When the draw was made no application from Coburg was received by the Federation.

Tom Walker, Coburg secretary, says that no application or information on the draw was received by him.

Federation secretary, Gerald Edgar, advises that Coburg's application was forwarded by mail at the same time as those for other clubs were sent.

In all probability the application was lost in the post but the Metro Management Committee at their meeting last week could see no way clear to include Coburg in this year's draw. Pity!

Possibly a phone call or telegram from the Federation at Coburg's expense could have solved the problem.

Would clubs please note that the phone number for Mrs. J. Watson, Box Hill's secretary, is 792 2693 (day) and 792 2682 (evening).

Chelsea are holding an "April Fools' Carnival Dance" at Chelsea Athletic Club, Edithvale Rd., Edithvale. The date! Naturally, April 1. Tickets $1.25. B.Y.O., Supper. Tickets can be obtained from A. Frost, 16 The Strand, Chelsea.

I must apologise to those who rang Soccer News last Sunday, but due to an indisposition I couldn't make it.

However, I'll be there this Sunday between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon to take reports on Metro games. The number to ring is 94 4708.

FRIDAY GAME WILL CONTINUE

Experiment of Friday night Soccer in Melbourne this year was not a failure.

Attendance figures showed no change from last year's Saturday night Ampol Cup competition.

This was reported by Theo Marmaras, at the V.S.F. board of management's first meeting after three months' activities last week.

Players and administrators prefer Fridays as they have the week-end free. The game may have lost some supporters but have gained others.

It seems too early to assess the Friday night venture and it probably will remain the same next year.

A budget has been submitted and approved.

Eighteen new clubs were admitted to the provisional league this year and have been split into two groups, A and B.

The V.S.F. is ahead of its work for the first time in its history.

Dockerty and Armstrong Cup draws have been made, all fixtures drawn and appointed.

More than 300 resolutions were passed by the Board in the first three months of its existence.

Identification cards is the Board's top priority this year and negotiations are taking place for a sponsor for the Dockerty Cup.

Mr. Marmaras, supported by vice-president Mr. Tom Burns, thanked all for their hard work and said they saw an improvement in the administration. "Victoria was the best administered State in Soccer, had the best grounds and drew the biggest crowds."

At the next meeting in June, the Board will draft rules for league promotion and relegation once and for all.

An executive member said: "We can't go on debating who will go up and down every year. We must make a ruling and stick to it."

WEEK-END RESULTS

Here are the Easter week-end results with Reserves in brackets:

STATE LEAGUE

George Cross 0, Lions 3 (5-1); Pt. Melb. Slavia 1, Croatia 4 (3-4); Juventus 0, S. Melb. Hellas 0 (1-1); Hakcah 3, Preston 0 (2-1); Alexander 0, Polonia 2 (1-8); F'scray J.U.S.T. 2, Melbourne 1 (6-4).

1st DIVISION

Sunshine City 1, Box Hill 1 (0-0); Brunswick 2, Ringwood City 1 (1-7); St. Albans 1, Maribyrnong 0 Coburg United 1 (9-1); Elwood 2, Sandringham 0 (1-0); Dandenong City 1, (6-2); Moreland 2, Springvale 3 (3-6).

2nd DIVISION

Uni. of Melb. 0, Albion Rovers 1 (1-1); Altona 2, Park Rangers 1 (2-1); Prahran 3, Ferntree Gully 2 (3-2); Brighton 3, Bays 0 (4-1); Green Gully 5, Richmond 0 (3-2); Frankston 1, Ringwood United 1 (3-2).

3rd DIVISION

Waverley 3, Croydon 0 (9-1); Essendon 5, Keilor City 1 (3-1); Moorabbin 1, Heidelberg 3 (0-8); Glenroy United 4, Flinders N.D. 1 (8-0); Chelsea 2, St. Kilda 1 (4-0); Princes Park 2, Sth. Yarra 1 (1-2).

4th DIVISION

Yallourn 9, Deer Park I.C.I. 0 (w.o.); Doncaster Rovers 2, Mooroolbark 6 (4-8); Newport 0, Monash Uni. 3 (10-3); Lilydale 2, East Melb. 16 (w.o.); Clayton 1, North Carlton 4 (3-3); Mornington 5, Rosebud 1 (0-0).

DOCKERTY CUP
First Round

St. Albans 2, Yallourn 1; Springvale 2, Maribyrnong 4; Box Hill 5, Clayton 0; Green Gully 0, Sandringham 6; Park Rangers 2, Sunshine City 3; Ferntree Gully 4, Monash University 1; Ringwood City 7, Albion Rovers 2; Elwood 2, Brunswick 1; Prahran 1, Dandenong City 8; Glenroy United 0, Frankston 3.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP

Elwood 4, Nth. Carlton 1; Dandenong City 5, Waverley 0; Springvale 7, Yallourn 2; Hakoah 4, Bayswater 1; Lions 1, Croatia 1; Pt. Melb. Slavia, Bye; Altona 1, Ringwood City 3; Sunshine City 3, Brighton 0; Frankston 3, St. Albans 1; Prahran 3, Box Hill 5; Green Gully 0, George Cross 8; Clayton 0, Juventus 14; Ferntree Gully 0, Moreland 0.

APIA NOT THE BEST

Something drastic will have to be done if the title of Australia's leading Soccer team is not going to slip from Apia's grasp.

Apia is only a shadow of the team which strode arrogantly through last season to win Sydney's Ampol Cup, the minor premiership, the Federation Cup and finally the Australia Cup.

Key players such as Pat Hughes and Archie Blue are hopelessly out of form, and there is a strong chance that Ricardo Campana will be returning to South America.

Apia was beaten 1-3 by St. George Budapest, lost to Hakoah 0-1 but finally broke through to beat Pan Hellenic 2-1 in the play off for third place.

The players are lethargic and lacking the flair and rhythm of last season.

TOMMY WANTS TO RETURN

Tommy Anderson, former George Cross and South Melbourne Hellas wing half at present playing for Cape Town City, in South Africa, is keen to return to Melbourne.

He claims that he is cleared from South Melbourne Hellas and as his present contract with Cape Town expires this week, he is a free agent.

Anderson resides at 200 Clarenceville, Beach Road, Sea Point, Cape Town, Sth. Africa, and has been playing at centre forward — **Jim Cook.**

LINK WITH MELBOURNE

A well-known British sportsman who had strong links with Soccer and was Britain's coach of their water-polo team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, died recently, in England.

He was Edwin Wright, a director of Tranmere Rovers Football Club, and an ex-Chairman of the Lancashire side.

Mr. Wright, one of the most successful water-polo coaches in England, was attached to the Birkenhead club.

STEPHEN KALUS COMMENTS

Former Hakoah winger, was presented with a trophy for his outstanding service to the club on Sunday.

CROATIA have signed two top-class players from Germany, but officials won't release their names yet. They were present at Croatia's dressing room after their great win against Slavia.

WHO said Soccer officials are one-eyed? Ted Lezon, the former Polonia secretary, was one of the first to buy a yearly membership ticket for Hakoah before the Hakoah-Makedonia game, and Enver Begovic, Croatia's president, donated $5 for the Polish Olympic Fund when approached by a Melbourne representative of the Polish Olympic Committee.

TOMMY ROBERTSON, former Hakoah inside forward who last season was transferred to Alexander, will be missing from the field for a long period. He's seeking a free transfer following a financial dispute with the club.

HAKOAH outclassed newly-promoted Makedonia on Sunday. Missed opportunities by Ian Monan prevented the winners from scoring a bag of goals.

Makedonia, who recently signed Short (ex-Slavia) and inside right Mladenovic (ex-Sydney) was far from impressive. Highlight was a hat-trick by Jim Armstrong, Hakoah's inside forward, who is settled for a good season. Best for Makedonia: Crozdanow, Smith. Hakoah: Van Alpen, Armstrong and Keith.

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LAST WEEK-END IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND....

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION ONE.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. U.	19	5	6	63	38	43
Liverpool	17	10	6	56	37	44
Notts. F.	17	9	7	52	32	43
Spurs	17	7	10	58	46	41
Leeds	15	9	9	46	36	39
Chelsea	13	13	8	59	46	39
Everton	14	8	11	47	34	36
Leicester	13	9	13	60	59	35
Stoke	13	8	14	54	47	35
Arsenal	13	8	12	52	50	34
West Ham	13	7	13	75	65	33
Burnley	11	9	12	58	54	32
Sheff. W.	11	10	12	50	52	32
Sheff. U	12	8	12	41	47	32
Sunderland	12	7	13	52	55	31
Man. C.	9	11	12	38	41	29
Fulham	10	9	13	48	66	29
Aston Villa	11	5	17	46	61	28
Southampton	11	5	17	46	74	27
Newcastle	8	8	18	28	47	24
W.B.A.	8	6	18	53	64	22
Blackpool	5	8	21	34	61	18

DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	19	9	6	60	36	47
Wolves.	19	7	7	71	37	45
Blackburn	19	7	7	63	38	45
Huddersfield	18	8	9	47	36	44
Carlisle	18	7	9	47	32	43
C. Palace	16	7	10	53	45	39
Millwall	16	7	10	46	41	39
Ipswich	12	13	8	40	40	39
Hull	15	8	12	60	46	37
Bolton	13	10	12	55	43	36
Preston	16	4	15	59	54	35
Birmingham	13	7	14	61	56	33
Portsmouth	12	9	14	53	63	33
Plymouth	13	7	17	48	50	33
Bristol C	9	11	12	41	49	29
Derby	10	8	16	58	41	28
Charlton	10	8	16	40	48	28
Rotherham	9	9	16	46	58	27
Norwich	7	12	14	32	43	26
Cardiff	9	8	17	47	73	26
Northampton	11	4	19	41	69	26
Burr	10	4	20	39	65	24

DIVISION THREE.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	21	12	2	67	28	54
Bristol R.	18	10	10	63	55	46
Man field	18	8	10	69	58	44
Watford	15	10	9	47	34	42
Leagues	17	7	12	60	40	41
Middlesbrough	16	8	10	69	52	40
Shrewsbury	16	7	12	63	52	39
Oldham	15	7	13	61	48	37
Reading	14	7	14	56	49	35
Colchester	14	7	13	60	59	35
Gillingham	10	15	10	39	42	35
Oxford U	12	10	12	47	45	34
Walsall	14	8	13	46	51	34
Scunthorpe	11	8	15	45	58	31
Grimsby	13	6	15	47	50	3
Brighton	11	10	14	50	53	32
Bournemouth	9	13	14	30	48	31
Darlington	11	9	17	34	65	31
Peterborough	10	10	14	48	52	30
L. Orient	8	14	12	40	54	30
Swindon	11	7	15	46	58	29
Doncaster	10	6	18	46	85	26
Swansea	6	13	17	62	79	25
Workington	9	6	19	41	66	24

DIVISION FOUR.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stockport	20	9	5	50	29	49
Barrow	19	9	9	63	43	47
Southport	18	9	8	57	34	45
Southend	19	6	11	60	41	44
Tranmere	16	10	8	52	41	42
Hartlepools	18	6	13	55	52	42
Wrexham	17	15	7	58	42	39
Bradford C	15	8	14	55	50	38
Brentford	14	10	14	47	44	38
Aldershot	14	9	14	61	52	37
Chesterfield	14	7	14	48	41	35
Exeter	11	12	13	42	49	34
Newport	9	12	13	40	46	30
Barnsley	9	12	13	45	52	30
Halifax	10	10	13	41	48	30
Port Vale	10	10	13	33	38	30
Luton	12	6	18	46	62	30
Chester	10	10	17	43	66	30
Notts. C.	10	9	17	42	56	29
Rochdale	10	8	18	39	52	28
Lincoln	8	9	17	43	56	25
Bradford	9	7	19	42	67	25
York	7	9	19	47	62	23

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION ONE.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	22	7	1	96	27	50
Rangers	22	7	1	83	23	49
Hibernian	17	2	9	64	42	36
Kilmarnock	16	6	9	54	47	36
Clyde	16	4	9	49	40	36
Aberdeen	12	8	8	62	42	32
Dundee	12	8	8	62	45	32
Dunfermline	11	7	9	53	39	29
Dundee U	11	7	9	54	51	29
Airdrieonians	10	5	13	34	42	25
Motherwell	8	11	9	43	45	25
Hearts	8	7	12	40	41	23
Partick	8	6	14	36	55	22
St. Johnstone	7	6	14	44	60	20
Falkirk	6	7	16	22	52	19
Stirling	4	3	20	24	65	11
St. Mirren	4	3	20	34	76	11
Ayr U.	0	0	22	17	74	0

DIVISION TWO.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	28	2	1	93	15	58
Raith	24	5	1	78	30	53
Arbroath	21	5	6	73	43	48
East Fife	17	8	6	66	37	42
Hamilton	14	4	11	61	53	34
Q South	14	4	9	74	53	34
Cowdenbeath	14	4	9	64	51	34
Queen's Park	12	9	10	67	56	33
Stranraer	13	5	12	56	52	33
Berwick	13	4	13	47	47	30
Albion R.	14	4	15	56	58	32
Third Lanark	11	4	15	57	63	26
Alloa	12	4	16	46	61	28
Montrose	10	5	15	52	62	25
Dumbarton	9	8	13	37	53	26
Forfar	10	3	16	53	68	23
Clydebank	7	8	15	44	63	22
Brechin	6	6	18	50	72	18
Stenhousemuir	5	8	17	49	61	18
East Stirling	3	10	19	37	78	16

The old masterful Jimmy Greaves. His goal had five Chelsea rivals running in all directions

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE.—Arsenal 2 Sheff. U. 0: Aston Villa 2, Stoke 1: Blackpool 0, Leeds 2: Chelsea 2, Newcastle 1: Leicester 0, Spurs 7: Liverpool 0, Man. U. 0: Man. C. 2, WBA 2: Sheff. W. 0, Notts F. 2: Southampton 4, Fulham 2: Sunderland 0, Everton 2: West Ham 3, Burnley 2.

DIVISION TWO.—Blackburn 0, Coventry 1: Bolton 3, Burr 1: Bristol C 3 Birmingham 2: Cardiff 4, Plymouth 1: Palace 0, Millwall 2: Derby 2, Rotherham 0: Huddersfield 0, Northampton 2: Ipswich 4, Portsmouth 2: Wolverhampton 4, Hull 0.

DIVISION THREE.—Brighton 2, Scunthorpe 2: Darlington 0, Workington 1: Grimsby 0, Colchester 0: Mansfield 0, Shrewsbury 1: Peterborough 2, Oxford U. 3: QPR 2, Gillingham 0: Reading 2, Swansea 0: Swindon 1, Bournemouth 0: Walsall 1, Bristol R. 1: Watford 1, L. Orient 3: Doncaster 0, Middlesbrough 4: Torquay 4, Oldham 0.

DIVISION FOUR.—Barrow 2, Barnsley 0: Bradford 1, Halifax 0: Chester 1, Hartlepools 0: Chesterfield 4, Wrexham 0: Crewe 3, Newport 2: Lincoln 0, Aldershot 4: Notts C 0, Exeter 1: Port Vale 1, Brentford 3: Rochdale 2, Tranmere 2, Southport 3: Bradford C. 1, Stockport 4, Southend 1: York 5 Luton 1.

ENGLISH FA AMATEUR CUP.—SEMI-FINAL REPLAY: Hendon 2, Skelmersdale 2 (after extra time)

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE.—Aberdeen 0, Dundee 1: Airdrieonians 3, Ayr 0: Clyde 2, St. Mirren 1: Dundee 2, Stirling 0: Dunfermline 2, Motherwell 1: Falkirk 1 Partick 0: Hearts 0 Celtic 3: Kilmarnock 5, St Johnstone 3: Rangers 1 Hibernian 0.

DIVISION TWO.—Alloa 4, Forfar 3: Arbroath 2, Stenhousemuir 0: Berwick 2, Albion R. 1: Clydebank 2, Cowdenbeath 3: Hamilton 3, East Stirling 1: Montrose 2, Queen of the South 0, Morton 4 Dumbarton 0: Raith 4, Queens Park 0: Stranraer 2, Brechin 1: Third Lanark 3, East Fife 2.

IRISH LEAGUE.—CITY CUP: Ards 0, Portadown 2: Crusaders 0, Coleraine 4: Derry 2, Ballymena 1: Glenavon 4, Cliftonville 0: Glentoran 4, Distillery 0: Linfield 7, Bangor 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE.—Barrow 10, Leigh 8: Batley 9 Rochdale 6: Bradford N. 30, Keighley 13: Bramley 23, Doncaster 5: Featherstone R. 14, Hull 8: Huddersfield 7, Blackpool B. 8: Hull KR 16 Workington 8: Hunslet 14 Halifax 45: Oldham 4, Widnes 11: Swinton 3, Salford 7: Wakefield 7, 35, Castleford 10: Warrington 12, Wigan 9: Whitehaven 4, St Helens 3: York 16, Leeds 34

On Friday

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE.—Chelsea 0 Blackpool 2: Man. C. 1, Leicester 3: Newcastle 3, Stoke 1: Sunderland 2 Sheff. W 0: West Ham 2, Aston Villa 1

DIVISION TWO.—Charlton 1, Carlisle 0: Millwall 2, Bury 0: Plymouth 2, Norwich 2.

DIVISION THREE.—Bristol R. 1, Bournemouth 1: Colchester 3, Swansea 1: Grimsby 1, Mansfield 2: Oxford U. 0, L. Orient 0: QPR 4, Darlington 0: Watford 1, Brighton 1.

DIVISION FOUR.—Aldershot 1, Exeter 0: Barrow 2, Chesterfield 1: Chester 1, Notts C 2: Crewe 1, Stockport 1: Hartlepools 2, Luton 1: Lincoln 2 York 2: Tranmer 1, Southend 2: Wrexham 1, Bradford C. 1.

LONDON, March 28.

Results of UK soccer matches played yesterday.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Blackpool 1, Chelsea 2: Fulham 2, Man. U. 2: Liverpool 0, Arsenal 0: Stoke 0, Newcastle 1: Spurs 2, Everton 0: W.B.A. 3, Southampton 2: Notts F. 4, Burnley 1: Sheff. U. 1, Leeds 4.

DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 2, Hull 1: C. Palace 0, Ipswich 2: Derby 2, Bristol C. 1: Huddersfield 0, Wolves 1: Norwich 3, Plymouth 1: Portsmouth 1, Cardiff 2, Rotherham 2: Preston 1: Bolton 0, Blackburn 1.

DIVISION THREE: Bournemouth 0, Bristol 0: Brighton 1, Watford 0: Gillingham 1, Oldham 0: L. Orient 2, Oxford U. 1: Middlesbrough 1, Shrewsbury 0: Swansea 1, Colchester 0: Torquay 4, Doncaster 0: Darlington 3, Q.P.R. 0: Reading 2, Peterborough 2: Scunthorpe 4 Worksington 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Barnsley 4, Halifax 1: Bradford 3 Wrexham 3: Brentford 1 Newport 1: Chesterfield 1, Barrow 1: Exeter 1, Aldershot 1: Luton 0, Hartlepools 2: Rochdale 1, Port Vale 2: Southport 1, Bradford 0: Stockport 1, Crewe 1: Southend 0, Tranmere 0: York 3 Lincoln 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Partick 1, Celtic 4: Aberdeen 0, St. Mirren 0.

IRISH LEAGUE CITY CUP: Ballymena 2 Crusaders 2: Bangor 2, Derry 1: Coleraine 1, Glentoran 4: Distillery 1, Ards 0: Glenavon 1, Linfield 1.—AAP-Reuters.

Live TV Soccer—or none, say club

A LEADING Soccer club will consider banning all TV cameras at their ground next season if the Football League rejects a BBC-TV offer.

The BBC is prepared to pay £781,000 to televise thirty-five Thursday-night matches live next season.

Manchester United, who are threatening the ban, are 100 per cent. in favour of the new proposals.

The club's chairman, Mr. Louis Edwards, said that present fees paid by the BBC and ITV—£100 for the home club and nothing for the visitors—were inadequate.

Mr. Edwards added: "The BBC offer of £16,000 for each of the thirty-five Thursday matches is an excellent one. Of this, £6,000 goes to the home club, which is a realistic figure, while the League takes the £12,000 remainder for distribution throughout the clubs.

"At last this is real TV money. And we at Manchester United do not see how Thursday-night live TV of a game can possibly affect Saturday afternoon attendances."

This view comes at a time when all the ninety-two League clubs in England and Wales are divided right down the middle about not just the BBC offer, but one from Granada Television and a third from Viewsport, the London-based closed-circuit company.

These will be discussed by the clubs at an extraordinary meeting of the League in London on April 3.

WARREN IN TOP FORM

John Warren, the 23-year-old captain of St. George Budapest,, has shown such brilliant form in Sydney's pre-season Ampol Cup that he already looks assured of a place in Australia's team to play Scotland.

He scored 12 goals in the seven matches played for his team.

Warren's capacity for work as he fights and chases for every ball coupled with a cool head in the penalty area makes him just the type of a forward who is needed against Scotland's strong defence.

It would use him as a centre striker with Apia's Johnny Giacometti, who is expected to be naturalised in time to make him eligible to play for Australia.

It is going to be a big year for Warren.

He has just announced his engagement to Miss Marion Wilson, a schoolteacher from Wagga, and the pair are planning to marry, on December 30.

It is just as well for a number of Sydney's other name players that Australia's team is not going to be picked in the next week or two.

That Hughes is hopelessly out of touch and Bill Yorke is struggling to regain his old form. — Martin Aston.

The new Jimmy Greaves. That's Ian Hamilton, says his sports master.

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TAFFY'S FOCUS ON FORM

POOLS

ALTHOUGH there were only SIX draws on the coupons last Saturday, I'm not expecting the Treble Chance Pool dividends to be an all-time high.

I may be wrong, but there were too many Away winners for the first dividend to be a record.

First prize will be on 22 points — the six draws and any two of the aways.

Balance of the coupon results were: 16 Away winners and 32 Home winners, so the Eight and Nine Results Pools and the Four Aways will just about cover the stakes. Don't expect too much.

As I mentioned last week, I expected the Treble Chance dividends to be more than they were previously although there were 17 draws two weeks running, they were more than four times as much. It was the grouping and the increase in the number of games on the coupons which made the difference.

On March 18, Littlewoods paid £58/14/- for 1d. for 24 points and Vernons £56 for 1d. for 24 points. There were plenty of big winners with "perms".

Vernons on the Eight Results paid 3,120/- (£56) for 1d., and Littlewoods' Nine Results 1,744/- (£87/14/-) for 1/-. These dividends are the highest this year on these Pools.

After the battle of the champions at Merseyside last Saturday the Liverpool v. Manchester United game ended in a goalless draw. It should be the match of the day on ABV tonight (Thursday).

Liverpool retained their unbeaten home record in the League. In fact, they and Manchester United are the only teams who have not lost a League game at home this season in the English Leagues.

The United are still on top of the First Division and lead Liverpool by two points, with only nine games to go to the end of the season. Those two points are going to be worth their weight in gold to the leaders.

Notts Forest gained a surprise away 2-0 win at Sheffield Wed. to be in third position only a point behind Liverpool, the Forest have crept up since the start of the year, and have a better home record than Liverpool.

Then follow Tottenham, Leeds and Chelsea with outside chances for the championships.

Coventry City and Wolverhampton have gone ahead in the Second Division, Coventry lead by two points after their 1-0 away win at Blackburn, this was Coventry's 19th League game running without defeat, Home and Away, and at this stage look certain to be up in the First Division next season. Wolves with a game in hand have every chance to be with them.

Coventry's win has made Blackburn's hopes of promotion a little harder from third position and four points behind the Wolves. Lowly Northampton also dealt an unkind blow to Huddersfield with a 2-0 away win.

Queen's Park Rangers are running away with top place in the Third Division after a 2-0 home win against Gillingham, the Rangers are eight points ahead of their nearest rivals Bristol Rovers, and have three games in hand. Mansfield, beaten at home by Shrewsbury are in third place, two points behind Bristol.

Stockport County thrashed Southend 4-1 to head the Fourth Division by two points from Barrow who in turn beat Barnsley 2-0. The former game might have cost the slender hope Southend had of going up, Tranmere could be their danger.

In the Scottish Leagues, Celtic won 3-0 away at Hearts for the first time for ten years in a League game, and with it Celtic go back to the top of the Division, and what a great goal average they have — 99 goals from 28 games. Yet Rangers in second place with 83 goals have a slightly better average. So Celtic will have to watch those points adds.

Celtic and Rangers are the only Scottish clubs who have not lost a League game this season.

On Saturday week it's the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup. I'm going for Leeds and Chelsea to win at home and the other two games to draw.

Now for NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, APRIL 8, the following should win at Home for the stake-saving plan:

NINE RESULTS

Chelsea, *Leeds United, *Aston Villa, *Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton Wand., *Carlisle United, Derby County, *Huddersfield Town, *Wolverhampton W., *Queens Park Rangers, Reading, *Watford, Barrow.

FOUR AWAYS

*Oldham Ath., *Middlesbrough, Gillingham, Brentford, *Celtic, *Rangers.

THREE DRAWS

Notts Forest v. Everton, Ipswich Town v. Milwall Ath., Lincoln City v. Southend United.

TREBLE CHANCE

*Birmingham City v. Tottenham, *Notts Forest v. Everton, *Blackpool v. Sheffield United, *Southampton v. Burnley, Cardiff City v. Preston North End, Crystal Palace v. Coventry City, *Ipswich Town v. Milwall Ath., Brighton v. Oxford City, *Peterborough v. Colchester United, Walsall v. Shrewsbury, *Lincoln City v. Southend United, Ayr United v. St. Johnstone, *Dunfermline Ath. v. Kilmarnock, Partick Thistle v. Airdrieonians.

*Indicates best selections.

FOOTNOTE: There were a few shock results in the first round of the local League games, Juventus should have scored two goals in the second half last Sunday — and won. Why, oh why, don't forwards hit that ball first time and not try to walk it into the net! This weekend's local winners could be: Melbourne, Slavia, Sth. Melb., Hellas, Footscray, J.U.S.T., and Juventus and Croatia v. Hakoah a draw.

GOOD LUCK — TAFFY.

OVERSEAS

YUGOSLAVIA

OFK Belgrade 4, Zeljeznicar 0; Dinamo 1, Velez 1; Vardar 1, Celik 1; Red-star 3, Partizan 2; Sarajevo 0, Hajduk 0; Rijeka 0, Olimpija 0; Vojvodina 2, Sujeska 0.

GREECE

Olympiakos 2, Trikala 0; Egaleo 4, Heraklis 2; Pierikos 0; Panathinaikos 2; Panserraikos 3, Vizas 1; Paok 1, Proodeftiki 0; Aek 1, Apollon 1; Aris 2, Veria 0; Ethnikos 0, Panionios 1.

SPAIN

Saragossa, Spain, March 22, (AAP-Reuter) — Scotland's Glasgow Rangers tonight reached the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup when they won the toss of a coin.

The Rangers qualified despite being beaten by local club Real Saragossa 2-0 in the second leg of their quarter final match here.

The Rangers won the first leg 2-0 and after 90 minutes tonight the aggregate score were level. There were no further goals during extra time.

ITALY

Inter-cities Fairs Cup: Bologna beat Leeds United 1-0 at Bologna, Italy.

EAST GERMANY

Olympic games qualifying tournament: East Germany beat Greece 5-0 at Athens.

CYPRUS

European Nations Championship: Italy beat Cyprus 2-0 at Nicosia, Cyprus.

INTERNATIONALS

Belgium "B" beat Portugal "B" 2-0 at Charleroi, Belgium.

France "B" beat Spain "B" 1-0 at Barcelona, Spain.

West Germany beat Bulgaria 1-0 at Hannover, West Germany.

GEORGE YELLAND looks at the State League opening round..

Juventus forward Epifano is down on the ground hurt as Referee Maitland has a word with Hellas full back Litopolous at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Hellas had no system

Aimless passing, elementary mistakes and paucity of ideas, were the order of the day.

That's the way I saw the Juventus-Hellas clash at Olympic Park on Sunday.

A crowd of nearly 10,000 were at the game.

Frankly, the stuff served up, was an insult to this enthusiastic and colorful crowd.

Throughout the game, the only man on the field who really looked a footballer and tried to play constructive, thoughtful Soccer, was John Anderson.

Some of his passes were made with pin-point accuracy, but slow following up by his colleagues and clumsy, obvious moves, made the work of George Scott, Gentry, Sonsini and Voigt, easy.

I only recorded two thrilling moments. Anderson put through a delightful ball for Ackerley to run on to.

The big inside forward hit it first time from an oblique angle, right on target. Dieter Voigt brought off a fantastic save, at the expense of a corner.

A little later, Dino Di Marchi took a ball to the goal line, before pulling it back, low, to Bell, whose first-time shot caused Wenzl to bring off a miraculous save, again at the expense of a fruitless corner.

NO PLAN

Neither side appeared to be playing with much plan and the only players to catch the eye, were Scott, cool and competent as ever, Voigt and, in the first half, Sonsini.

Anderson, who stood out, Wenzl and Damianakos were the pick of Hellas, with Litopoulos an agile and able full back, when he settled down and cut out the rough stuff.

A draw was a fair result, because neither side deserved to win and the absence of goals merely reflected the overall low standard of forward play.

Slavia Port Melbourne had "one of those days" at Olympic Park, on Saturday.

As a result of their own mistakes, rather than the brilliance of Croatia, Slavia lost 1-4.

Defensive errors led to three of the goals and Schroif had a nightmare debut.

Let no one write this man off, for he showed flashes of the form which made him a world renowned keeper and he'll make his presence felt, when he settles down.

The usually immaculate Shepherd and Cook were at fault with two of the goals and as a result, Slavia never got into their stride.

MISTAKES

Croatia, never at their best, kept going and profited by their opponents' mistakes to gain a welcome, if somewhat unexpected win.

Saturday's other game at Montgomery Park, was a bitter pill to George Cross in their attempt to assert themselves towards their former glory.

They appear to have plenty of talent, but played as units, not as a team.

Throughout, they were like a ship without a rudder and finished a well beaten side.

The presence of Peter Aldis in the Lions line-up worked wonders.

He knitted them into a well balanced unit and on this form, they must be a threat to any team in the State League.

Beinroth, on the wing had an outstanding game and Steve Walker in his new position at inside forward combined well with Roswell.

He set up one of the centre forwards two goals and was a continuous threat to the overworked Cross defence.

An early penalty goal by Murney, gave Lions a boost and they took a grip on the game which they never relaxed.

Unless George Cross can find team spirit and combination quickly they could be in serious trouble again this season.

Preston Makedonia had a tough game for their introduction to State League and did enough to suggest that they'll make a good fight to retain their status.

Hakoah were too strong in defence. Their half-back line of Stenhouse, van Alphen and Murney took a grip on the game at the start, which they never relaxed.

Hugh Murney policed Grozdanov right out of the game and extreme wingers David Short (from Slavia) and Ritchie were the main threat in attack for the Preston boys.

Both played well and against a less effective defence may have scored.

George Cairns was the backbone of a sorely troubled defence, which, despite conceding three goals, never collapsed or stopped trying.

SPECTACULAR

John Morks and O'Hara performed well and the Makedonia keeper made several spectacular saves. He had no chance with the three that got past him.

Polonia and Alexander provided a thrilling game at Olympic Park, on Monday.

Highlights were the fantastic goalkeeping of Sam Service for Alexander and for Polonia the fine generalship of the old maestro, Vic Janczyk.

Polonia played as a well knit unit with new man Przybylski providing artistic and constructive Soccer. The other newcomer, Swoboda, provided some outstanding wing play

Knot, at full-back gave a sound and thoughtful display and is fast becoming an outstanding defender.

Alexander have plenty of talent, with Sharp and Brown on the wings showing speed and thrust, Gallagher at inside left distributed well and Kriaris at centre forward was the best of a talented line which lacks only more understanding of one another's moves.

Glennie at full-back performed with distinction and it should not be long before Alexander start collecting points.

Swoboda scored the first goal for Polonia when his high centre caught Xanthopoulos and Service in a misunderstanding.

The ball bounced in off the post. Plaskota moved up wing and passed to Kowalec, who transferred to Gadja, for the inside to blast it into goal giving Service no chance whatever, for the second.

Kowalec was unlucky when he met Swoboda's corner kick with a first-time shot which smashed against the upright and was cleared. Polonia will be a team to watch on this form.

The J.U.S.T. v. Melbourne game was marred by too much temperament and robust play.

Atilla Abonyi received marching orders in the 6th minute for allegedly deliberate kicking an opponent after receiving a free kick.

In the 40th minute Jake Gakovic was sent off in similar circumstances. How stupid can some players be? Alistair Scott and Cerkovic also had their names taken.

Two beautiful goals by half back Frank Micic, the game's outstanding player, gave J.U.S.T. the points.

Melbourne playing with 10 men defended well. Taylor was magnificent but their only reply came from Myers when he deflected a shot over Fode's head by Cerkovic who also had a good day.

Croatia's spark of promise

From MARTIN ASTON

South Sydney's Croatia's spark of promise has at last burst into flame!

This follows the almost rogant way in which the am scored a 3-2 victory er Pan Hellenic in the ening Sydney premier-ip round.

The score was a decep-e one because Croatia s at least a three-goal tter side.

Croatia, as I predicted rlier, is going to prove major force in the com-ition and is looming as definite threat to the mour clubs such as ia, Hakoah and the Am-Cup winner St. George dapest.

he team is playing with style and rhythm which making it as a definite mlership threat.

It is not beyond us," atia's captain John ry told me.

I'll be very surprised if don't finish in the first e, but after that any-g could happen," said Giles, who toured th East Asia with Aus-a's World Cup team.

oatia led 2-1 at the in-al but Pan Hellenic kly drew level when s Patrinos scored from nalty kick.

e winning goal was ed by the 18-year-old e forward Frank Cush, is a certainty to play Australia within a sea-or two.

broke clear of a des-ng tackle and raced 40 yards before drib-around Pan Hellenic's eeper Cec Thompson sliding the ball into empty net from an angle.

e is a young man has a cool head in a

th Coast, notoriously to beat on their home d at Woonona, was d there by Prague's rienced group of young players.

Gary Manuel, a 17-year-old centre-forward, scored all three of Prague's goals in a 3-1 win.

Les Scheinflung, the former Australian captain, was another who made a conspicuous contribution to Prague's surprisingly easy victory.

Joe Alagich, who is mentioned as having a chance of winning a place in Australia's international squad, scored two goals and proved a constant threat in Yugal's 4-1 win over Polonia.

Polonia's ageing collection of has beens was too slow and will have to show a drastic improvement to avoid the threat of relegation.

Pat Hughes, who is going to be one of Australia's key players in the coming international matches against Scotland, showed a pleasing return to form in Apia's 2-1 victory over Canterbury Marrickville.

Both of the goals were scored by John Watkiss.

Scores were:

Croatia 3 (Fraser 2, F. Cush) beat Pan Hellenic 2 (Logan, Patrinos).

Apia 2 (Watkiss 2) beat Canterbury Marrickville 0.

Prague 3 Manuel 3) beat South Coast 1 (Harrison).

Yugal 4 (J. Alagich 2, M. Alagich, Edwards) beat Polonia 1 (Gaik).

Melita Eagles 2 (Mulqueeney, Azzopardi) beat Cumberland United 0.

THIS WEEK-END'S MATCHES

Saturday

Croatia v. South Coast, at Erskineville Oval.

Apia v. Yugal, at Lambert Park.

SUNDAY

Polonia v. St. George Budapest, at North Sydney Oval.

Prague v. Canterbury-Marrickville, at Sydney Athletic Field.

Cumberland United v. Pan Hellenic, at Mona Park.

Hakoah v. Melita Eagles, at Wentworth Park.

RIVERO MAY JOIN APIA

Ruben Rivero, a highly-rated centre forward from Argentina, is expected to make his first appearance for Apia next week.

He came here a week ago with the reputation of having scored 18 goals in his last 16 matches with a first division club.

Rivero, tall, dark and possessing a clever control of the ball as well as a powerful shot, is expected to figure with Johnny Giacometti as the twin striker of Apia's forward line.

A compromise has now been reached with Ricardo Campana, and the brilliant Argentinian ball artist has now agreed to sign a new contract for another season with Apia. — **Martin Aston.**

HE WANTS TO COACH HERE

Peter Robinson, a 20-year-old player-coach, of 32 Grosvenor Street, Heywood, Lancashire, England, wants to migrate to Australia.

He is single and shortly expects to qualify as a full F.A. coach.

IN TOUCH

with FRED VILLIERS

CON Nestorides, former Hellas captain-coach now in Greece, wants to return here. Alexander coach, George Simos, now in Athens and due here in two weeks, says in a letter to Alexander committee, that Nestorides wants to join the club. Why does he prefer Alexander to Hellas? I don't know. But it's certainly something for Hellas committee to talk about when they meet next.

JOHN CHARLES, the 38-year-old former Juventus (Italy) "gentle giant", has turned down an offer to play for Toronto Falcons in the North American Professional League. Did he do this in favor of the Australian sunshine?

Memo Lou do Bono, Victorian selector: Polonia have a couple of forwards who are worth looking at — George Swoboda and Bernie Przybylski, both 26. These two have everything — ball control, speed and intelligence. They're the two most polished forwards we've seen here for years.

WILLEM SCHROIF, Slavia's world class goalie, was made a big offer of $1000 U.S. a month to play in the new North American League — but he was already signed by the Port Melbourne club. I hear also the Czechoslovakian F.A. refused to allow him to go to the States. They wanted him to come here. After his debut on Saturday some Slavia fans may have been sorry he didn't take the States offer. Was the Black Cat's performance a case of the injured shoelace? It seemed he was the best man on the field for Croatia. But give him time to settle. Don't write him off yet.

JOHN BARCLAY, V.S.F. deputy chairman and one of the organisers for the Scotland v. Australia international at Olympic Park, on June 3, reports tickets for the game have been printed and will be on sale soon. Lord Casey, Governor General, is expected to be guest of honor at the match.

SURPRISE. Surprise. After all their great practice wins over State League clubs recently, Ringwood City Wilhelmina lost their opening first division match against Brunswick Athena 1-2. First Division Soccer isn't so easy after all!

IT'S THE SAME old story! A.B.C. every Saturday morning has a session "What's on today." Last week in Melbourne they mentioned every sport from tiddly winks to bowls. But not a word about the 1967 Soccer kick-off. Oh no. That would be telling!

"COMPARED with the big time English Soccer—and that takes in 92 teams in four league divisions — the V.F.L. competition is a suburban family feud." That's quite a mouthful from a fair dinkum Aussie of Melbourne origin, isn't it? But it came from Australian journalist Leigh Bottrell, in the Melbourne Sun, last week. He was writing from London on "Football from the Other Side".

HERE'S a new way to win a player back if you don't want to lose him. Send a "sexy girl" after him. That's what Munich 1860 club are alleged to have done when West German youth representative Horst Blankenburg left for F.C. Nurnberg. Horst had hardly settled in when the girl arrived, moved into the same apartment, and went to work.

HEAR Alexander are looking for a mate for their Irish goalie Sam Service. They've approached Irish international full-back Tom Casey to join them.

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STATE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Melbourne v. George Cross (Olympic (Park)

Polonia v. Slavia (Brooklyn Speedway)

Croatia v. Hakoah (Maribyrnong)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Lions v. Juventus (Olympic Park)

S. Melb. - Hellas v. Alexander (Middle Park)

Preston v. Footscray J.U.S.T. (Collier Reserve, Preston)

Reserves 1 p.m.; League game 2.45 p.m.